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In re Patent Application of

SHEERER

Serial No. 09/848,434

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Title: COMPRESSION RINGS FOR COLUMN RELIEF IN CONTINUOUS COOKING
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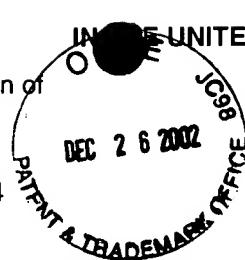
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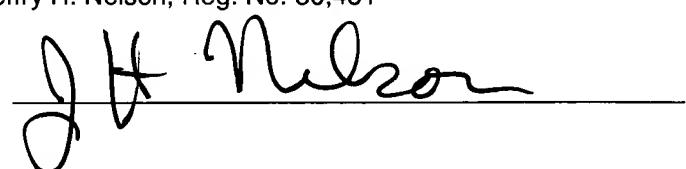
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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is
attached.

Cancel claims 11 to 19 and 21 without prejudice in view of the restriction
requirement.